

NOTICE 265 OF 2010**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY****NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE AREAS IN TERMS OF THE ASTRONOMY GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE ACT 21 OF 2007 TO BE ASTRONOMY ADVANTAGE AREAS.**

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology, hereby give notice of my intention to declare the areas indicated in the schedule as core astronomy advantage areas in terms of sections 7(1) and 7(2) of the Astronomy Geographic Act, 2007 (Act No.21 of 2007) and further invite public comments in terms of section 42 of the said Act.

Comments should be submitted within 60(sixty) working days of the date of publication of this notice to the following::

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Attention is also drawn to Notice 89 of 2010 published in Government Gazette No. 32916 on 5 February 2010 in which interested and affected parties in the proposed core, central and coordinated areas as indicated in the schedule to that notice, are invited to register the details stated with the Department.



**MRS GNM PANDOR, MP
MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

SCHEDULE

1. In this notice any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned, unless the context indicates otherwise.

SCOPE OF THE DECLARATIONS

2. These declarations apply to:
 - (1) The core astronomy advantage area containing the Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) that will be used for the purposes of optical astronomy and related scientific endeavours; and
 - (2) The core astronomy advantage area containing the MeerKAT radio telescope and the core of the planned Square Kilometre Array (SKA) radio telescope that will be used for the purposes of radio astronomy and related scientific endeavours.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CORE ASTRONOMY ADVANTAGE AREAS

3. With reference to section 2(1), all land within a 3 kilometre radius of the centre of the Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) dome located at 32° 22' 33"S and 20° 48' 38"E in the Northern Cape Province as the Sutherland Core Astronomy Advantage Area.
4. With reference to section 2(2), the area comprising of three portions below have been declared as the Karoo Core Astronomy Advantage Area:
 - (1) The farm Mey's Dam Nr. 68, Kareeberg Municipality, Division Carnavon, in the Northern Cape Province, to the extent of 7046,0463 hectares according to the Deed of Transfer T047450/08;
 - (2) Portion 1 (Waaipunt) of the farm Los Berg No. 73, Karoo Hoogland Municipality, Fraserburg Division, in the Northern Cape Province to the extent of 1825,2707 hectares according to the Deed of Transfer T045934/08; and
 - (3) Remainder of the Farm Los Berg No. 73, Karoo Hoogland Municipality, Fraserburg Division, in the Northern Cape Province to the extent of 4535,4929 hectares according to the Deed of Transfer T045934/08;